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REMARKS

Claims 19 – 49 were pending in the application. By this paper, Applicant has amended Claims 19 – 22, 24, 25, 34-42, 44 – 46 and 48. Accordingly, Claims 19 – 49 are presented herein for examination.

Specification

Applicant herein has amended the abstract in order to bring it within compliance of MPEP § 608.01(b). Applicant has reduced the length of the abstract so that it contains less than 150 words.

Allowed Claims

Per Page 3 of the Office Action, Claims 27 – 34 stand allowed.

§112 Rejections

Per paragraph 5 of the Office Action, Claims 19 – 26 and 35 – 49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended Claims 19 – 22, 24, 25, 34-42, 44 – 46 and 48 to bring them into compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112, as well as correcting certain other editorial defects noted by Applicant in its review, and also improving the clarity and form of certain of the claims.

Per paragraph 7 of the Office Action, Claims 19 – 26 and 35 – 49 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in the Office Action. Applicant submits that these rejection(s) have been overcome via the aforementioned amendments herein. Hence, Applicant submits that Claims 19 – 26 and 35 – 49 are now in condition for allowance.

Other Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner pass this case to issuance at the earliest opportunity.

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Applicant hereby specifically reserves the right to prosecute claims of different or broader scope in a continuation or divisional application.

Applicant notes that any claim cancellations or additions made herein are made solely for the purposes of more clearly and particularly describing and claiming the invention, and not for purposes of overcoming art or for patentability. The Examiner should infer no (i) adoption of a position with respect to patentability, (ii) change in the Applicant's position with respect to any claim or subject matter of the invention, or (iii) acquiescence in any way to any position taken by the Examiner, based on such cancellations or additions.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments that may be resolved over the telephone, he/she is requested to call the undersigned at (858) 675-1670.

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